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OFFICE BOARD OF TRUSTEES SOUTHERN ILLINOIS NORMAL UNIVERSITY,
CARBONDALE, ILLINOIS, *December* 13*th*, 1870.

To His Excellency JOHN M. PALMER,
Governor of the State of Illinois:

SIR:—We have the honor to transmit the Second Annual Report of the Board of Trustees of the Southern Illinois Normal University, with accompanying document.

Very respectfully, your obd't servants,

E. BOWYER, *Pres't.*

D. HURD, *Sec'y.*

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SECOND ANNUAL REPORT

To His Excellency John M. Palmer,
Governor of the State of Illinois:

In conformity with an act entitled, "An act to regulate the publishing of reports of State officers and other persons," approved March 31st, 1869, we respectfully beg leave to submit the following report:

Soon after the date of our last annual report, the precise location for the building for the Southern Illinois Normal University was determined upon, and the excavation for the basement commenced by Mr. J. M. Campbell, the contractor. It was found that the material upon which to commence the foundation walls was an exceedingly firm and uniform clay formation, being almost impervious to water, and pronounced by our architect, Mr. Thos. Walsh, who examined it carefully before the masonry was commenced, entirely safe, and in every respect satisfactory, upon which to erect the building.

Early in the present year Mr. Campbell, contractor, constructed a switch by which the building site was connected with the track of the Illinois Central railroad, thus facilitating the delivery of building material at convenient points near the building.

In the selection of material to be used in the construction of the building, the contractor has thus far been singularly fortunate. This is especially true of the stone, which is found in great abundance immediately on the line of the Illinois Central railroad, about four miles south of the site of the building. It is a brown sand stone, which, for beauty of color, for strength to resist pressure and the action of the elements, has probably no superior in the United States. It is exceedingly free from seams or cracks;

is very close and compact, yet easily quarried and split into any desired shape. Skilled architects and geologists, who have examined and tested it, pronounce it equal to anything yet discovered, for strength, durability and beauty.

Most of the stone required to complete the building is now on the ground, and ready to place in the walls.

Two and one half millions of brick of superior quality, enough to complete the building, have been made on the ground belonging to the University, and are ready to place in the walls. It was deemed best to use pressed instead of stock brick, in the three front walls of the building: first, because the pressed brick make a stronger and more permanent wall; and, second, because the pressed brick will present a much finer appearance, when laid in the walls, in connection with the brown stone of the basement, window and door trimmings, and cornice.

Much of the lumber is also obtained in the immediate vicinity of the building, and is of excellent quality.

A considerable portion of the iron-work is on the ground and ready for use.

It was expected, at the time of making the contract, that the building would have been under roof at this date, but the magnitude of the work, the cost of which must, it is believed, considerably exceed the estimate of the architect, added to the unfavorable weather for the greater part of the past spring and summer for brick-making, and other out-door operations, has prevented the realization of this expectation.

Should the weather continue favorable for brick laying until the close of the present year, the walls of the first story, above the basement, will be completed, and the second tier of joists placed thereon.

The work thus far has been prosecuted with vigor and skill, and will be continued during the winter as rapidly as the weather will permit. We confidently expect the whole to be completed within the time specified in the contract.

The subject of heating and ventilating is one to which the board has devoted much time and thought, having examined a great number of plans for heating and ventilating, at Chicago, St. Louis, Cincinnati, and at several eastern cities. We find a variety of apparatus in use at the different points, all more or less objection-

able. We find, too, existing amongst architects, builders and others, a very great diversity of opinion as to the best mode of heating and ventilating buildings, and that there is no one method that meets the approbation of all.

We have finally adopted the furnace and ventilating arrangement made by Mr. George G. Thomas, of St. Louis, and have contracted with him to place in the building a sufficient number of his coal furnaces, with all the requisite tubing, registers, etc., for the sum of six thousand nine hundred and fifty dollars ($6,950), reserving as security for the satisfactory performance of the contract four thousand nine hundred and fifty dollars ($4,950) of this sum in the hands of the board, until the work is completed and fully tested, and found to be satisfactory in every particular.

We have taken the precaution to provide arrangements for placing stoves, or other furnaces or steam, in the building in case of the possible failure of this furnace to answer the purpose.

Recognizing fully the great importance and value to community occupying a country so rich in agricultural and mineral wealth and resources as the State of Illinois, we have determined, upon the opening of the school, to establish a chair for the natural sciences, and have engaged to fill that chair Prof. Cyrus Thomas of this State, a gentleman of a high order of talent, of excellent scientific attainments, and large experience as a naturalist. He brings the strongest testimonials, as to his fitness for the place, from many of the leading naturalists of the country. He has for several years past been engaged, in connection with the United States geologist, in making explorations to Colorado and other points west, where he has procured a large and valuable collection of objects in natural science, which he agrees to place in the University when opened. It was mainly for the purpose of obtaining this valuable cabinet that it was thought best, by the board, to engage the Professor at so early a day. It is agreed that he is to be allowed no compensation until the school is opened. With this exception, none of the professors or teachers have been engaged as yet.

It will be remembered that one item of assets to be turned over to Mr. Campbell, under his contract, was fifty thousand dollars of the bonds of Jackson county, when issued—authorized by the legal voters of the county to be donated in aid of the erection of the building. While the vote was nearly unanimous in favor of

issuing the bonds, it was known that no legislative authority then existed which would require the county court to issue them. It was confidently believed by Mr. Campbell that the county court would issue the bonds in accordance with this vote, and that the Legislature, at its next session, would make such enactments as would legalize them, and render them available to him.

While the board recognize the fact that there is no legal liability on the part of the State to make any further appropriation in lieu of these bonds: yet, being satisfied that Mr. Campbell was misled by the estimate of the architect, Mr. Walsh, in reference to the cost of the building, and failing to get the bonds of Jackson county, in our opinion the assets placed in the hands of Mr. Campbell, under the contract, are not sufficient to enable him to complete the building without incurring heavy loss: we therefore respectfully suggest to your Excellency the propriety of recommending to the Legislature such measure of relief for him as, in your judgment, you may consider just and proper.

For the sums required to complete the building, by reason of changes from original plans and specifications, and to improve the grounds and establish and maintain the school until the meeting of the next Legislature, we beg leave to refer your Excellency to the estimate furnished you on the 30th ult., in accordance with your request.

After careful and thorough examination, it was the unanimous opinion of the board that the amounts there set forth will be absolutely necessary in order to complete the building, and put the school into successful operation and maintain it for the time named.

In view of the great and pressing demand for trained teachers for our public schools all over our State, and especially in its southern portion, where they are needed in a great majority of the school districts, the board, in order to meet this want at the earliest possible moment, feel it to be a duty to open the school as early as practicable. To this end we suggest for your consideration the propriety of recommending such amendment to the law as will authorize the board to open the school before the building is completed. We are fully convinced that such a course would meet the urgent wants of the people, and be cordially endorsed by them.

We deem it proper here to bear testimony to the energy and fidelity with which Mr. Campbell has thus far prosecuted the work.

For the financial operations and condition of the board, we respectfully refer your Excellency to the report of the treasurer, Wm. J. Yost, Esq., which is hereto annexed.

In conclusion, we would state that the whole work has progressed under the personal supervision of E. J. Palmer, Esq., Superintendent, who has been untiring in the discharge of his duty.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

E. BOWYER, *President.*

D. HURD, *Secretary.*

WILLIAM J. YOST, TREASURER,

In account with the Southern Illinois Normal University.

Date.		Name.	Debit.	Credit.
1869. June	1	To cash of State Treasurer	$10,000 00	.....
Sept.	10	By order to S. E. Flannigan	.....	$11 50
"	10	" " Wm. J. Yost, books	.....	45 00
"	10	" " Johnson & Bradford	.....	21 05
"	16	" " Chicago Times, advertising	.....	61 50
"	16	" " Chicago Post, "	.....	31 50
"	16	" " Chicago Journal, "	.....	36 50
"	16	" " Missouri Democrat"	.....	61 50
"	16	" " Benton Standard, "	.....	10 00
"	16	" " National Banner, "	.....	10 00
"	16	" " Olney Journal, "	.....	5 00
"	16	" " Cairo Times, "	.....	20 00
Oct.	5	" " C. Winston, iron safe	.....	100 00
"	5	" " Thos. Walsh, architect	.....	1000 00
"	14	" " Alden & Berry, advertising	.....	10 00
"	14	" " John H. Barton, "	.....	10 00
"	14	" " Centralia Democrat, "	.....	10 00
"	14	" " Centralia Sentinel, "	.....	10 00
"	14	" " Carlyle Banner, "	.....	10 00
"	14	" " Pana Gazette, "	.....	10 00
Nov.	20	" " Thos. Walsh, architect	.....	500 00
"	24	" " M. L. Sanders, land	.....	1500 00
"	24	" " John H. Mulkey, legal services	.....	250 00
"	24	" " John Dougherty, "	.....	250 00
1870. Jan.	25	To cash of State Treasurer	10,000 00	.....
"	11	By order to Thos. Walsh, architect	.....	500 00
"	11	" " James M. Campbell, contractor	.....	3000 00
"	25	" " Robt. W. Hamilton. P. O. stamps	.....	15 00
"	27	" " James M. Campbell, contractor	.....	3500 00
Feb.	22	" " James M. Campbell, "	.....	5000 00
"	22	" " Beck & Bowyer, printing	.....	15 00
"	22	" " John H. Mulkey, legal services	.....	50 00
Mar.	17	" " James M. Campbell, contractor	.....	1500 00
"	17	" " James M. Campbell, "	.....	1500 00
"	17	To cash from State Treasurer	10,000 00	.....
"	17	By order to James M. Campbell, contractor	.....	4034 45
"	29	" " James M. Campbell, "	.....	7000 00
Apr.	5	To warrant of State Treasurer	10,000 00	.....
"	26	By order to Alden & Berry, advertising	.....	20 00
May	17	To cash of State Treasurer	10,000 00	.....
Apr.	26	By order to N. W. Graham, printing	.....	50 00
May	31	" " Evans & Howard, pipeing	.....	152 35
"	31	" " James M. Campbell, contractor	.....	5000 00
"	31	" " James M. Campbell, "	.....	5000 00
"	31	" " J. W. Johnson, stationery	.....	21 20
"	31	" " North & Campbell, well	.....	42 00
June	28	" " Illinois Central R. R. freights	.....	42 20
"	28	To cash from State Treasurer	10,000 00	.....
"	28	By order to James M. Campbell, contractor	.....	5000 00
"	28	" " James M. Campbell, "	.....	5000 00
Aug.	16	To cash of State Treasurer	10,000 00	.....
"	16	By order to James M. Campbell, contractor	.....	10,000 00
"	30	To warrants of State Treasurer	5,000 00	.....
"	30	By order to James M. Campbell, contractor	.....	5000 00
		Amount carried forward	$75,000 00	$65,415 75

Date.		Name.	Debit.	Credit.
		Amount brought forward.....	$75,000 00	$65,415 75
1870. Aug.	30	By order to James M. Campbell, contractor	.....	4465 55
"	30	" " David Johnson, services.....	.....	26 75
"	30	" " E. J. Palmer, expenses.....	.....	168 05
Oct.	25	" " David Johnson, "	.....	33 35
"	25	" " Isaac Rapp, "	.....	50 90
"	25	" " George G. Thomas, heating...	.....	500 00
Nov.	29	" " George G. Thomas, " ...	.....	600 00
Oct.	25	" " Mulkey, Wall & Wheeler, pr'tng	.....	25 00
Nov.	30	" " Wm. J. Yost, expen's and serv's	.....	350 00
"	30	By cash on hands...	.....	3364 65
			$75,000 00	$75,000 00
1870. Dec.	1	To cash to balance.....	$3364 65	

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Yours truly,

WM. J. YOST, *Treasurer.*

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